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SUBJECT: OAS RESTRUCTURING: HOSTS NOT READY

1. NOW THAT PERU HAS WON DISTINCTION OF HAVING OAS COMMISSION MEET IN LIMA TO CONSIDER RESTRUCTURING OAS, THEREBY BOOSTING AGAIN MILGOV' S ASPIRATIONS FOR HEMISPHERIC LEADERSHIP (" A DIPLOMATIC VICTORY," ONE PAPER SAID), FOREIGN MINISTRY WILL HAVE TO WORK RATHER FRANTICALLY TO PREPARE FOR COMBINED ROLES OF HOST AND LEADER. HOWEVER, WELL- INFORMED SOURCE IN MINISTRY SAYS THAT WITH LESS THAN MONTH TO GO BEFORE MEETING, FONMIN HAS NOT YET SUPPLIED CUSTOMARY GUIDANCE FOR POSITION PAPERS, ASSIGNED RESPONSIBILITY FOR ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS, OR SELECTED LOCATION. APPARENTLY PRESIDENTIAL DECISION MUST BE AWAITED, ACCORDING SOURCE.

2. COMMENT: WHILE WE WOULD EXPECT MILGOV TO LIVE UP TO ROLE BY PRODUCING MAJOR INITIATIVE OF ITS OWN FOR REDESIGNING OAS, SUCH INITIATIVE NOW SEEMS LIKELY TO SURFACE RATHER LATE. FOR TIME BEING, PERUVIAN MISSION TO OAS CONCEIVABLY MIGHT BE RECEPTIVE TO IDEAS PASSED INFORMALLY BY USOAS OR DEPT.

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